

**Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for displaying the status of at least a first financial indicator and a second financial indicator using a geographic orientation, each said financial indicator representing financial activity in a particular geographic region, each said financial indicator including a plurality of sectors and each of said sectors including a plurality of financial instruments, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying a map, said map including

at least a first said geographic region and a second geographic region, and

a first financial indicator representing financial activity in said first geographic region, and a second financial indicator representing financial activity in said second geographic region, said first financial indicator including a plurality of sectors and each of said sectors including a plurality of financial instruments, and said second financial indicator including a plurality of sectors and each of said sectors including a plurality of financial instruments; and

simultaneously displaying on said first geographic region of said map a visual indicator that represents the status of said first financial indicator, each of said first financial indicator sectors and each of said first financial indicator financial instruments; wherein each of said first financial indicator plurality of sectors has a size and a weighting in the first financial indicator, wherein said size of each of said first financial indicator plurality of sectors is proportional to said weighting of each of said first financial indicator plurality of sectors, respectively; and

simultaneously displaying on said second geographic region of said map a visual indicator that represents the status of said second financial indicator, each of said second financial indicator sectors and each of said second financial indicator financial instruments; wherein each of said second financial indicator plurality of sectors has a size and a weighting in

the second financial indicator, wherein said size of each of said second financial indicator plurality of sectors is proportional to said weighting of each of said second financial indicator plurality of sectors, respectively;

wherein said first geographic region on said map and said second geographic region on said map each have a size and said first financial indicator and said second financial indicator each have a market capitalization, wherein said size of said first geographic region and said size of said second geographic region is proportional to said market capitalization of said first financial indicator and said second financial indicator, respectively.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the status of at least one of said financial indicators includes a percentage change in the value of said financial indicator at a point in time.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the status of at least one of said financial indicators is continuously updated.
4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of said financial indicators is an index.
5. (canceled)
6. (canceled)
7. (canceled)
8. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said at least one visual indicator is a first color if said percentage change in the value of said at least one financial indicator is in a first direction and said at least one visual indicator is a second color if said percentage change in the value of said at least one financial indicator is in a second direction.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said first direction is positive and said second direction is negative.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim of claim 2, wherein said at least one visual indicator is a third color if the value of said at least one financial indicator is unchanged.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said first color has a plurality of shades wherein each of said plurality of shades of said first color is associated with a particular percentage change in the value of said at least one financial indicator in said first direction and said second color has a plurality of shades wherein each of said plurality of shades of said second color is associated with a particular percentage change in the value of said at least one financial indicator in said second direction, wherein the step of displaying on at least one of said geographic regions of said map a visual indicator includes the steps of:

displaying one of said plurality of shades of said first color associated with said percentage change of said at least one financial indicator on said geographic region if said percentage change in the value of said at least one financial indicator is in said first direction; and

displaying one of said plurality of shades of said second color associated with said percentage change of said at least one financial indicator on said geographic region if said percentage change in the value of said at least one financial indicator is in said second direction.

12. (canceled)

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

displaying economic data relating to at least one of said geographic regions.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of said visual indicators is a number.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said at least one visual indicator is a number.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said at least one visual indicator is a number.

18. (currently amended) A system for displaying the status of at least a first financial indicator and a second financial indicator using a geographic orientation, each said financial indicator representing financial activity in a particular geographic region, each said financial indicator including a plurality of sectors and each of said sectors including a plurality of financial instruments, the system comprising:

at least one a data source including the status of said first financial indicator and said second financial indicator;

a mapping engine, said mapping engine having a map including said at least a first geographic region and a second geographic region, and a first financial indicator representing financial activity in said first geographic region, and a second financial indicator representing financial activity in said second geographic region, said first financial indicator including a plurality of sectors and each of said sectors including a plurality of financial instruments, and said second financial indicator including a plurality of sectors and each of said sectors including a plurality of financial instruments,

said mapping engine receiving the status of said financial indicators from said at least one data source, said mapping engine outputting a signal for simultaneously displaying on said first geographic region of said map a visual indicator that represents the status of said first financial indicator, each of said first financial indicator sectors and each of said first financial indicator financial instruments; wherein each of said first financial indicator plurality of sectors has a size and a weighting in the first financial indicator, wherein said size of each of said first financial

indicator plurality of sectors is proportional to said weighting of each of said first financial indicator plurality of sectors, respectively; and

said mapping engine outputting a signal for simultaneously displaying on said second geographic region of said map a visual indicator that represents the status of said second financial indicator, each of said second financial indicator sectors and each of said second financial indicator financial instruments; wherein each of said second financial indicator plurality of sectors has a size and a weighting in the second financial indicator, wherein said size of each of said second financial indicator plurality of sectors is proportional to said weighting of each of said second financial indicator plurality of sectors, respectively; and

wherein said first geographic region on said map and said second geographic region on said map each have a size and said first financial indicator and said second financial indicator each have a market capitalization, wherein said size of said first geographic region and said size of said second geographic region is proportional to said market capitalization of said financial indicator and said second financial indicator, respectively.

19. (currently amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the status of at least one of said financial indicators includes a percentage change in the value of said at least one financial indicator at a point in time.

20. (currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the status of said at least one financial indicator is continuously updated.

21. (currently amended) The system of claim 18, wherein at least one of said financial indicators is an index.

22. (canceled)

23. (canceled)

24. (canceled)

25. (currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein said at least one visual indicator is a first color if said percentage change in the value of said at least one financial indicator is in a first direction and said at least one visual indicator is a second color if said percentage change in the value of said financial indicator is in a second direction.

26. (original) The system of claim 25 wherein said first direction is positive and said second direction is negative.

27. (currently amended) The system of claim of claim 19, wherein said at least one visual indicator is a third color if the value of said at least one financial indicator is unchanged.

28. (currently amended) The system of claim 25, wherein said first color has a plurality of shades wherein each of said plurality of shades of said first color is associated with a particular percentage change in the value of said at least one financial indicator in said first direction and said second color has a plurality of shades wherein each of said plurality of shades of said second color is associated with a particular percentage change in the value of said at least one financial indicator in said second direction, and wherein one of said plurality of shades of said first color associated with said percentage change of said at least one financial indicator is displayed on said geographic region if said percentage change in the value of said at least one financial indicator is in said first direction and one of said plurality of shades of said second color associated with said percentage change of said financial indicator is displayed on said geographic region if said percentage change in the value of said at least one financial indicator is in said second direction.

29. (canceled)

30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) The system of claim 18, wherein said at least one data source includes economic information relating to at least one of said geographic regions and said economic information is displayed.

32. (currently amended) The system of claim 18, wherein at least one of said visual indicators is a number.

33. (currently amended) The system of claim 25, wherein said at least one visual indicator is a number.

34. (currently amended) The system of claim 28, wherein said at least one visual indicator is a number.

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46. (new) The system of claim 18, wherein the system comprises at least two data sources, the first data source including the status of said first financial indicator and second data source including the status of said second financial indicator.